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SUBJ: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: MOSCOW 12812

1. SINCE TRAIN'S LETTER (STATE 203793) PUTS FORWARD HIS VIEW OF HOW MEETING SHOULD PROCEED, AND SINCE MOST OF QUESTIONS ARE STILL RELEVANT, EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER LETTER AS SENT, WITH ORAL EXPLANATION THAT IT WAS DESPATCHED BEFORE EMBASSY'S REPORT RECEIVED.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER(NESTEROV) CALLED ON PERRY AT CEO OCT 16 TO CONSULT ABOUT PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING. HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF 16 TO 19 PERSONS, AND WOULD ARRIVE AS PLANNED IN NYC ON NOV 11. IN VIEW OF POLITICAL SITUATION AND POSSIBILITY OF DEMONSTRATIONS, HE RECOMMENDED NOT OPENING INITIAL MEETING TO PRESS, SAVING PRESS CONFERENCE FOR CLOSING SESSION NOV 16. IT WAS AGREED TO TAKE THIS UNDER ADVISEMENT. NESTEROV WAS FURNISHED A COPY OF TRAIN LETTER TO FEDEROV.

3. FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE MADE ORALLY REGARDING POINTS IN MOSCOW 12704: (A) RE PARA 21 FOR RESERVATION PURPOSES, EXACT NUMBER AND NAMES ARE NEEDED AS SOON AS

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CONVENIENT. (B) PARA 3: DR. WHITE IS ALREADY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW ORLEANS PORTION. REMAINDER OF TRIP SOUNDS EXCELLENT AND WE WILL BEGIN PREPARATIONS. ANDY FURTHER SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ARE OF COURSE WELCOME, AND WE NEED TO KNOW EXACT NUMBER OF ENTOURAGE AS SOON AS CONVENIENT. (C) PARA 4: WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, US SIDE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DRAFT REPORT UNLESS MUCH OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED PRIOR TO NOV 13. MAGNITUDE OF MATERIAL, PLUS DIFFICULTY OF WORKING IN TWO LANGUAGES, WOULD MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DRAFT ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENT IN THREE DAYS. SINCE CEO HAS REPORTS IN HAND FROM NEARLY ALL PROJECT CHAIRMEN NOW, WE PROPOSE TO SEND THESE TO IZRAEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS FIRST DRAFT, WITH UNDERSTANDING SOVIET SIDE FREE TO WORK FROM THESE OR FROM ITS OWN DRAFTS. TARGET, WITH WHICH WE HOPE IZRAEL CAN AGREE, IS TO HAVE ROUGH DRAFT READY NOV 13, WHICH EDITORS CAN THEN POLISH DURING MEETING ITSELF. (D) PARA 5: WE WILL LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF TRAIN-FEDEROV MEETING NOV 12. (E) PARA 6: LANGUAGE IN TRAIN LETTER WAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED. FYI: TRAIN AND REST OF USDEL AT MOSCOW MEETING LAST FALL FELT THAT RATHER THAN DISCUSSING THE ISSUES, MUCH TIME WAS SPENT ON BUREAUCRATIC SPEECH-MAKING FOR THE RECORD BY THE SOVIET SIDE. END FYI) TRAIN IS EAGER TO GET AWAY FROM SET SPEECHES BY EACH SIDE AND WISHES TO HAVE GENUINE DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND COOPERATION. TRAIN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FEDEROV'S CONSIDERED REACTION TO HIS PROPOSAL. (F) PARA 7: US SIDE AGREES WITH THIS APPROACH OF NO NEW PROJECTS. WHEN IZRAEL WAS HERE IN JULY HE PROPOSED NEW ECONOMIC PROJECT, HOWEVER, NOT TO BE SUBSUMED UNDER ANY EXISTING PROJECT (AS WE UNDERSTOOD PROPOSAL). WHERE DOES SOVIET SIDE PROPOSE TO PUT THIS ECONOMIC PROJECT? (G) PARA 8: WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO IZRAEL'S POSITION ON PRESS. IN LIGHT OF NESTEROV'S STATEMENT (ABOVE), FURTHER DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT WILL BE NECESSARY PRIOR TO START OF MEETING. (H) PARA 9: US SIDE WISHES PREPARE REPORT IN EXPECTATION OF PUBLIC RELEASE. (I) PARA 10 AND 11. WE WILL DISCUSS THESE FURTHER DURING NOV MEETING. KISSINGER

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